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COVID-19 DATA

Dodge County, WI: The Dodge County Human Services and Health Department-Public Health Unit is dedicated to keeping the public informed about COVID-19, including providing accurate data and current guidelines. Recently, there have been news reports stating that the COVID-19 data put out by health departments is inaccurate due to a backlog of health departments entering negative results. This is not the case for Dodge County.

Dodge County Public Health has seen an average of 200-225 results reported a day and that number continues to trend upwards. Even with those numbers rising, Dodge County Public Health has regularly processed all results, negative and positive, in under 24 hours. This allows Dodge County to report up to date metrics and data to county leaders and the public. The public can be reassured that the data that Dodge County Public Health reports regarding testing, to include positive and negative results, is accurate.

When a person is tested, their swab is sent to a lab for testing. The labs report the result, positive or negative, to local health departments where the person lives through a statewide secure data system called the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS). Local health departments then go into a "staging area", pull cases into their "jurisdiction", and assign the case to a staff member for follow-up. When there is a large amount of testing, such as at a community-testing site, there may be hundreds of cases in staging. Dodge County Public Health has assigned staff to move cases from the staging area to their jurisdiction seven days a week to assure timely and accurate reporting.

Positive and negative case data is pulled from WEDSS and reported by local health departments and the state Department of Health Services. Positive cases are counted by person positive, not by each test that person may have had done. Dodge County Public Health reports this data in a daily snapshot, put out every weekday, and uses this data in the weekly report put out every Monday. The public can be assured that this data is up to date and precise.

"We do our best to provide the most current information. We know we need to be a reliable resource for people wanting up to date information and those seeking ways to keep themselves safe," states Dodge County Public Health Officer Abby Sauer. "We continue to ask the public to act reasonable and safely; to include staying home when sick, washing hands often, maintaining 6 feet distance from non-household members and wearing face coverings when physical distancing is not possible."

The community is encouraged to visit the Dodge County website, Coronavirus Information page, for the daily snapshot, weekly reports, latest guidance and COVID-19 resources:

www.co.dodge.wi.gov

For general questions, the public may call the Dodge County Public Health COVID-19 Hotline: 920-386-4304.

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